

Claim Amendments:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating calls comprising:
associating an electronic device operable to receive a voice over internet protocol call with connection information, the connection information comprising a unique address and a call receipt rule of the electronic device;
maintaining an information store comprising a first collection of connection information for a first plurality of devices associated with a first managed internet protocol network and a second collection of connection information for a second plurality of devices associated with a second managed internet protocol network, the first plurality of devices comprising the electronic device;
receiving a query seeking appropriate connection information for a called device associated with the first managed internet protocol network; and
collecting the appropriate connection information from the first collection of connection information.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining that the called device is the electronic device; and
initiating communication of the connection information to an address associated with the query, wherein the address comprises an address of the device of the second managed internet protocol network.
- 3-4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a request to modify the first collection of connection information;
receiving credentials from a party making the request; and
allowing the party to modify the first collection of connection information.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating calls comprising:

a mediation server maintaining an information store, the mediation server being independent of a communication link between callable devices;

the information store comprising a first collection of connection information for a first plurality of callable devices associated with a first managed internet protocol network and a second collection of connection information for a second plurality of callable devices associated with a second managed internet protocol network; and

a network interface engine communicatively coupled to the mediation server, the network interface engine operable to receive a query on behalf of a callable device of one of the first and second managed internet protocol networks, the query seeking appropriate connection information for a ~~called~~ the callable device associated with another of the first and second managed internet protocol networks.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising:

a retrieval engine associated with the mediation server and operable to collect the appropriate connection information from the first collection of connection information; and

a communication engine operable to initiate communication of the appropriate connection information to an address associated with the query, wherein the address comprises an address of the device of the one of the first and second managed internet protocol networks.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) The system of claim 7 further comprising an authentication engine having access to the information store, the authentication engine operable to allow a user to modify the first collection of connection information.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the appropriate connection information comprises an internet protocol address for the called device and a first call receipt rule comprises a preference of the called device selected from the group consisting of an internet protocol header rule, a real-time transport protocol/real-time control protocol rule, an allowable sample size rule, a network access rule, and a supported coding protocol rule.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the network interface engine is not operable to act as a point of interconnection for either signaling or bearer traffic between the first managed internet protocol network and the second managed internet protocol network.

14. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the information store maps a public switched telephone network number to the appropriate connection information.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating calls comprising:
receiving a signal indicating a request for a call to a party;
determining that the call will be at least partially transmitted as an internet protocol call;
querying an information store associated with a managed network to identify a set of
connection information for a device associated with the called party;
determining that the information store does not comprise the set of connection
information; and
querying a mediation server for the set of connection information, the mediation server
maintaining a plurality of connection information sets for devices associated with
more than one managed network without becoming an interconnection point.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the managed network is a managed internet protocol network, the call comprises a voice over internet protocol call, and the managed network received the signal.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
presenting a calling party with call options comprising a voice over internet protocol call option and a circuit switched call option; and
receiving the set of connection information from the mediation server.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising routing the call in accordance with the set of connection information in response to receiving the set of connection information from the mediation server.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising routing the call to a media gateway for conversion into a time division multiplexing call in response to determining that the set of connection information is unavailable.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising initiating call completion as a public switched telephone network call.

22. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the set of connection information comprises an internet protocol address for the device and at least one of an internet protocol header rule, a real time transport protocol/real time control protocol rule, an allowable sample size rule, a network access rule, and a supported coding protocol rule.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable data to maintain an information store comprising a first collection of connection information for a first plurality of devices associated with a first managed internet protocol network and a second collection of connection information for a second plurality of devices associated with a second managed internet protocol network; to receive a query on behalf of a device of the second managed internet protocol network, the query seeking appropriate connection information for a called device associated with the first managed internet protocol network; to collect the appropriate connection information from the first collection of connection information, and to initiate communication of the appropriate connection information to an address associated with the query, wherein the address comprises an address of the device of the second managed internet protocol network.

24. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the call receipt rule comprises an internet protocol header rule.

25. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the call receipt rule comprises a real time transport protocol/real time control protocol rule.

26. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the call receipt rule comprises an allowable sample size rule.

27. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the call receipt rule comprises a network access rule.

28. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein allowing the party to modify the first collection of connection information comprises:

zoning the information store to allow access to the first collection of connection information and not to allow access to the second collection of connection information.

29. (New) A method for facilitating calls, the method comprising:

associating each of a first plurality of electronic devices operable to receive a voice over internet protocol call with connection information, the connection information comprising a unique address and a call receipt rule of each of the first plurality of electronic devices;

maintaining an information store comprising a first collection of connection information for the first plurality of electronic devices associated with a first managed internet protocol network and a second collection of connection information for a second plurality of electronic devices associated with a second managed network;

receiving a query seeking the connection information of a selected electronic device from the first plurality of electronic devices associated with the first managed internet protocol network; and

collecting the connection information from the first collection of connection information.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
transmitting the collected connection information to a device that sent the query.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein receiving the query comprises:
receiving a plurality of queries seeking connection information of selected
electronic devices of the first plurality of electronic devices and of the
second plurality of electronic devices.

32. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein collecting the connection information
comprises:
collecting the connection information for each of the selected electronic devices, the
connection information comprising the unique address and the call receipt rule for
each of the selected electronic devices.